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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETEL, PEPR, GW
SUBJECT: HOLZKIRCHEN MODERNIZATION/LW 209 KHZ LINK

REF: (A) MUNICH 805, (B) BONN 2925

1. ON FEBRUARY 14, KRATH TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE
SUGGESTION OF A TRADEOFF BETWEEN HOLZKIRCHEN TRANS-
MITTERS AND THE MUNICH/ERCHING-LW 209 KHZ FREQUENCY
MENTIONED TO LEINWOLL (REF A) WAS KRATH'S IDEA.

2. KRATH SAID THE CHANCELLERY, HOWEVER, WAS PRESENTLY
OF THE OPINION THAT THE HOLZKIRCHEN ISSUE WAS OF MUCH
GREATER POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND THAT THE TWO ISSUES
SHOULD PROBABLY NOT BE COUPLED. HE INDICATED THAT
OFFICIALS FROM THE CHANCELLERY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE
AND THE POSTAL MINISTRY WOULD SOON MEET TO MAKE
A FINAL DECISION ON THE ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW TO RELATE KRATH'S
REMARKS TO THOSE OF LUECKING REPORTED IN REF (B).

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LUECKING'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS RECOMMENDING TO VAN WELL
THAT A LINKAGE BE PROPOSED TO THE USG CLEARLY IMPLIES
THAT THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS
OF THE IDEA BETWEEN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE POSTAL
MINISTRY. LUECKING DID NOT INDICATE, AS KRATH DID, THAT
THE IDEA HAD ALREADY BEEN TRIED OUT ON THE CHANCELLERY.
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